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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/741,735; Filed: December 21, 2000
For: **Apparatus and Method for Drying Solutions Containing
Macromolecules**
Inventors: Ally *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4060002/LEA

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
4. Information Disclosure Statement;
5. PTO Form-1449 listing 18 documents (AA1-AK1 and AA2-AG2);
6. Copies of cited documents AD1, AE1, AG1 and AG2;
7. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
8. Return Postcard; and
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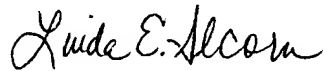
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

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106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim
108	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	710.00
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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